

## "Today is the Best Day of Your Life"



We spend entirely too much time looking back. If we are the type of person consumed with guilt and shame, it is as a result of our holding on to things for which we have already been forgiven (if we have asked for forgiveness). If we are maturing in years and sliding down from our prime, we spend too much time reminiscing about the good old days. All the time spent looking and thinking and talking about what "woulda, coulda, shoulda" been is time wasted from living in the now.

Charles Swindoll said life is 90% how we perceive it. That's a fact, supported by scripture, which says "as a man thinks ..." So what are you spending your time thinking about? Is it yesterday? If so, let it go; it is no more than a memory! We cannot go back and change what has already been done. No matter how many times we say "I am sorry", we cannot take back the words we said or the things we have done. It is called the past because it has passed! Let it go and move on.

Today is a gift to us. Each new day is a special opportunity for us to live our lives to the fullest. God presents us with a new today each time He awakens us, each time He whispers His love to us, each time He gives us another opportunity to get it right. His mercies are new **every** morning. How many of these special gifts have you wasted dwelling on the past? How many of these golden opportunities have you blown thinking about what "woulda, coulda, shoulda" been?

It is time that we learn to live. Clean out those skeletons and face today head-on. Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt because she looked back, lusting after what she thought she was losing. She gave up her life because of selfish desires for something which God had said she did not need. It's not worth it. God is bigger than our past. Once His glory has shown up in our lives, we are free to live.

One more thing. We have side-view mirrors on our cars. The mirrors have a disclaimer that the object in them is closer than it appears. That's just like the Holy Ghost. He reminds us that our past is closer than we think. Even though we are free and made new again, we can never believe ourselves to be self-sufficient and independent of God. We need Him to survive. He is our rear-guard.

Keep your eyes focused on the gift of today. Listen closely for the Lord's voice whispering in your ear. Open your eyes to see the beauty of His

creation all around you. Allow your heart to feel the joy and peace which can only come from the freedom of knowing Jesus.

**Live!** in the present, in the here and now, for today, taking one day at a time. Remember, you have to live while you are living! Yesterday is history and tomorrow is a mystery. Appreciate the present of today, and live your life to the fullest.

**8: Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,**  
**12: Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.**  
**13: Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,**  
**14: I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**  
**15: Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.**

Philippians 3

Father, You are a wonder! We do not understand how the blood of Your Son cleanses us, but we are grateful that it does. We do not understand why You love us like You do, but we thank You. Help us to embrace the gifts that You give us with gratitude and appreciation for them all. We love You, Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:**  
**"YOUR WINDSHIELD IS BIGGER THAN YOUR REAR WINDOW,**  
**WHICH MEANS YOU SHOULD GLANCE BACK AND GAZE FORWARD."**  
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Be blessed in the Lord!